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For: VIDEO GAME SYSTEM WITH STATE OF NEXT WORLD DEPENDENT UPON
MANNER OF ENTRY FROM PREVIOUS WORLD VIA A PORTAL (AS
AMENDED)

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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 18, 2003 (for which petition is hereby made for a two month extension of time), and in view of the remarks herein, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the pending claim. As explained below, the rejection is not supported by the cited reference.

Claim 84 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitsunori. For at least the following reasons, Applicant respectfully contends that Mitsunori clearly fails to identically disclose each and every element of the claimed

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invention, as required to support a rejection under Section 102. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

The Examiner asserts that the LCD driver 60 of Mitsunori is same as the claimed peripheral processing subsystem, and that the connection control unit 64 of Mitsunori is the same as the claimed coprocessor. These assertions are clearly incorrect and find no support in the cited reference.

The LCD driver 60 of Mitsunori is nothing but a driver which operates to activate LCD 30. In contrast, claim 84 expressly requires that the peripheral processing subsystem operates to receive a player controller related command and carries out the process related to video game control signal by executing the received command. The LCD driver 60 of Mitsunori clearly cannot and does not perform either of these functions. Thus, the rejection is untenable for at least this reason.

Moreover, the connection control unit 64 of Mitsunori generates data to control LCD 30 based on output from CPU 50 and operates to convert the switch signal to CPU 50-readable and output. The connection control unit 64, however, does not execute the video game program together with CPU 50. In contrast, claim 84 expressly requires that the coprocessor executes the video game program together with a game microprocessor. Thus, the connection control unit 64 clearly does not correspond to the claimed coprocessor. Thus, the rejection is untenable for this reason as well.

In summary, the LCD driver 60 of Mitsunori is a completely different feature from the claimed peripheral processing subsystem, and the connection control unit 64 of

Mitsunori is also completely different from the claimed coprocessor. Thus, the rejection is not supported by the cited reference. Section 102 requires that each and every feature of the claimed invention is identically disclosed in the reference. This requirement is not met and, as a result, the rejection is improper.


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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